

## **REMARKS**

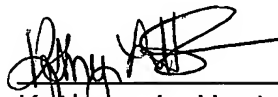
This amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 prior to payment of the issue fee. Claim 1 has been amended herein to replace the term "banding element" with the term "securing element". This provides proper antecedent basis to the term "securing element" found in dependent claims 10-13, which depend from claim 1. In addition, independent claim 16 includes the term "securing element", and thus Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment will not require a new search to be completed nor place an undue burden on the Examiner.

In addition, claims 6 and 21 have been amended herein to change the dependency thereof to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "decorative skirt portion".

No substantive changes have been made in the application. Applicant respectfully requests that such amendments be entered into the record.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the before-mentioned amendments to the application or any other matter, Applicant's agent will welcome the opportunity to discuss the same with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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